

# Lead at Home

Wet clean and cover lead dust

Lead can be found in many places around your home, including: peeling, chipping, or flaking paint; dust from peeling, chipping, or flaking paint; and dirt in your yard.

You can protect your child from lead poisoning by wet cleaning your house and covering lead paint and dust.



Always clean with a wet mop or cloth. Never wipe or dust with a dry cloth.



Use disposable rags or paper towels and throw them away as soon as you are finished cleaning.



Clean all surfaces in your home, especially windows, doors, floors, and countertops.



Use two buckets for cleaning. Fill one with detergent and water for washing and the other with water for rinsing. Change the water in both buckets often.



When washing the floor, use two mops—one for washing the floor and one for rinsing.



Wash a small area at a time, and then rinse.



Cover peeling, chipping, or flaking paint with contact paper or duct tape. You can also move heavy furniture in front of areas with peeling, chipping, or flaking paint.

Wet clean your home at least once a month and whenever you see dust.

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Prevent lead poisoning in young children

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